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PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS COMMITTEE

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Ranking

JUDITH JACOBS

LAURA CURRAN

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CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: I call the meeting
of the Public Works and Parks Committee to order.

I am here.

Vice Chairman Steve Rhoads?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Francis Becker?

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Present.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Donald MacKenzie?

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ranking Member
Carrie Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Judith Jacobs?

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And Laura Curran
is here. We have a quorum.

We have four items on today. The first
item is Item 266-15, an ordinance supplemental to
the annual appropriation ordinance in connection
with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and
Museums.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by

Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

Do we have anyone here who can speak on this matter?

MS. PETRUCCI: Eileen Krieb is here. I think she just stepped away to the ladies room. She will be back momentarily.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay. Why don't we table that for a few minutes?

Motion by Mr. Becker to table, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

All those in favor of tabling this please say aye.

(Aye.)

We're tabled.

Item 280-2015 -- is this the same person speaking on this? Connie? Item 280, do we have the same person who is going to speak on this?

MS. PETRUCCI: Yes.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes. Okay. What about 288?

MS. PETRUCCI: No.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Why don't we call Item 288-2015, a resolution authorizing the County of Nassau to participate in a federal aid

transportation project providing for the resurfacing of various county roads, Phase 33, PIN 0760.43, and authorizing the county executive of the County of Nassau to execute the agreement on behalf of the County with the New York State Department of Transportation for the advancement of said federal aid transportation projects in Nassau County, New York.

I'm also going to call Item 289-2015, which is a similar resolution, a resolution authorizing the County of Nassau to participate in a federal aid transportation project providing for the in-kind replacement of Long Beach Road over Barnum Island Creek, BIN 330027-01 and 330027-02, PIN 0760.42, and authorizing the county executive of the County of Nassau to execute the agreement on behalf of the County with the New York State Department of Transportation for the advancement of said federal aid transportation projects in Nassau County, New York.

Motion, please?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: By Mr. Rhoads,
seconded by Mr. Becker.

Those items are before us.

MS. BOYLE: Donna Boyle, Nassau County
Department of Public Works.

Do you have any questions?

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do you want to
just briefly tell us what these are?

MS. BOYLE: Nassau County typically gets
about four million a year from the federal
government under the Transportation Improvement
Program, that's STP funding. We use that for one
of the four to five resurfacing projects that we
put out. Essentially, what it is is the federal
government gives us 80 cents on the dollar back.
If we hit the construction schedule just right,
sometimes we get another 15 percent in
Marshecelli money, but we don't know about that
typically until after the construction season is
done.

So, the first one, that's the resurfacing
project. That's doing resurfacing. The other
one is for, just like it says, an in-kind
replacement of the Barnum Island Bridge. For

those of you who aren't sure where that is,
that's near Peter's Clam Bar. That currently is
identified as two bridges and will be identified
as two bridges when we're done.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And everyone knows
where Peter's Clam Bar is.

Do we have any questions?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Just one, Mr.
Chairman.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr. Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you. The
portion of Bellmore Road that's being repaved at
part of 288-15, where is that? I know where
Bellmore Road is, but what portion of it?

MS. BOYLE: It's most of it. It
actually will require -- the road right now - I
don't know how many of you are familiar with
Bellmore Road. The road right now is a concrete
road. So the intention road is to, where we can,
repair the concrete panels and do the asphalt
shoulders, and where we can't we'll resurface it.

Unfortunately, I didn't know you were
going to get that specific on the limit, so I
can't tell you exactly from what street to what

street it runs.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Every once in a while we like to throw in a surprise.

MS. BOYLE: Okay. If you want, I will send you an e-mail with the exact limits.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: I appreciate it. Thank you.

MS. BOYLE: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other questions?

(No verbal response.)

Hearing none; all those in favor of these two items signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Those items carry.

MS. BOYLE: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: You're welcome.

We'll now go to Item 280-2015, a resolution authorizing the County of Nassau to execute an agreement with the New York State Department of State in relation to the local waterfront revitalization program for the

2 advancement of the 2006 Environmental Bond Act
3 project and South Shore Blueway Trail Project
4 within Nassau County.

5 Motion by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr.
6 MacKenzie.

7 Mr. Schneider.

8 MR. SCHNEIDER: Good afternoon. Brian
9 Schneider from Public Works.

10 We're requesting approval for Nassau
11 County to execute an agreement with the New York
12 State Department of State. The total amount of
13 the grant is \$480,000, which is a 50/50 match, so
14 \$240,000 will be coming from the county.

15 This grant, through the local waterfront
16 revitalization program, will permit the county to
17 construct kayak and other non-motorized boat
18 launches at seven locations in various county
19 parks along the south shore of the county in
20 support of the 2006 Environmental Bond Act
21 project known as the South Shore Blueway Trail.
22 The grant supervision and management will be
23 provided by DPW.

24 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions?
25 Mr. Becker.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: The boat launches, are they cement or are they just, you know?

MR. SCHNEIDER: There are various types. Some of the launches are actually considered beach launches, so we'd be installing what's called a MOBY mat, which is actually an ADA compliant mat which will allow kayakers to access the water from the parking lot, getting their kayaks into the water. Other more constructed boat launches are these ADA compliant ramps, which are kind of already fabricated but they need to be mounted on pilings. They will go up and down with the existing boat ramps.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: I gather they last a while.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Oh, yeah. It's just like any other boat launch in a marina, very similar.

LEGISLATOR BECKER: Thank you.

MR. SCHNEIDER: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Thank you.

Mr. Solages.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Schneider.

MR. SCHNEIDER: Good afternoon.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: With the Inwood Park boat ramp, what exactly would it entail? How many launching ramps will there be for the kayak boats?

MR. SCHNEIDER: For Inwood, which is being completely redesigned as far as the bulkhead is concerned, but there is a boat launch right in that park. That will be a floating ramp which will be extended out from the bottom of the boat ramp. You would be able to access the bottom of the ramp for launching your kayak, just like we're going to build at Wantagh Park, it's going to be very similar, and also at Milburn Boat Basin. It's basically an ADA compliant launch which will be extended from the bottom of the ramp.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Will be assessing fees? Specific with the Inwood location, there are many people from Far Rockaway and Queens, in general, who come to use that location, so how can we make sure that we can make sure that Nassau residents benefit primarily from this?

MR. SCHNEIDER: I can't speak for the

parks department. I know they have fees for launching boats, whether they're motorized or non-motorized. It would require a parks representative, whether it's a seasonal worker during the season, to be present to make sure that the person has a -- has paid a fee to launch their vehicle. Because Inwood is kind of under repair right now and it's actually closed, I don't think the parks department has anybody at that location on a seasonal-type basis. After the bulkhead is repaired and the kayak launch is installed in Inwood, then the parks department should be able to have somebody at that location during the season.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: And when will that be, will the bulkheads be repaired and the kayak launching pad established?

MR. SCHNEIDER: Well, the Inwood project is still in design right now. I would image after permits are received that it should be constructed in some time 2017.

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other questions?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr. Rhoads.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

Mr. Schneider, is there any chance you might be able to send to my office where in Cedar Creek and Wantagh Park the launch is going to be? Do they have it mapped out already?

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: The one at Wantagh Park is actually mapped and designed. The one at Cedar Creek is a little bit of an issue because the one that was designed was basically an elevated boardwalk leading to a beach launch. Very, very difficult, expensive. DEC would require -- you need a permit from the DEC. There also maybe some conflicts with the folks who use the aerodrome. So as of right now that is really the only one out of the seven that is a little bit nebulous.

LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other questions?

(No verbal response.)

All those in favor signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

That item carries.

Mr. Becker now moves to un-table Item
266-2015, seconded by Mr. Rhoads.

All those in favor of un-tabling 266
signify by saying aye.

(Aye.)

Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

Ms. Krieb.

MS. KRIEB: Good afternoon. Eileen
Krieb from the Department of Parks.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Just give us a
general overview, please.

MS. KRIEB: This is a grant that's
coming from New York State Urban Development
Corporation for \$100,000. It's being passed
through Nassau County to help fund the Museum of
American Armor in Bethpage that's already been
completed.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do we have any
questions?

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I have something to

say.

CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes, Ms. Jacobs.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Eileen, I just wanted to say to you, I'm sure you've been there.

MS. KRIEB: Yes, of course.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I think it is phenomenal.

MS. KRIEB: They did a phenomenal job with it.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: I've been there a couple of times. Just to see the veteran's reaction and young people who go, their reaction, it's really great. I'm glad that these funds have come through because it can only get better.

MS. KRIEB: It's also helping the audience at Old Bethpage Village because we have a shared ticket that they can use.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Good.

MS. KRIEB: If you go to one, you get to go to the other.

LEGISLATOR JACOBS: It's really good. It was a smart growth kind of thing. It really was. For the people. I don't know of anything smart when it comes to open space. This was

2 something that really a lot of people are
3 enjoying and really melancholy about sometimes
4 when they're there, but that's okay, in a good
5 way.

6 MS. KRIEB: The programs draw a lot of
7 attention.

8 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Yeah. Definitely.
9 Thank you. I just wanted to let you know.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
11 questions or comments?

12 (No verbal response.)

13 Public comments?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 That item carries.

20 No other business before us. Mr.

21 MacKenzie moves to -- Mr. Becker moves to
22 adjourn, seconded by Mr. MacKenzie.

23 All those in favor of adjourning?

24 (Aye.)

25 We are adjourned. Thank you

2 (Whereupon, the Public Works Committee
3 adjourned at 3:22 p.m.)
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